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SUBJECT: RECENT BILATERAL MARITIME ACCORDS  
BETWEEN MOROCCO AND SPAIN

1. DURING FEBRUARY 15-17 OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOROCCO BY SPANISH  
MINISTER OF COMMERCE JOSE LLADO URRUTIA SEVERAL AGREEMENTS  
WERE NEGOTIATED. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RELATE TO SPANISH  
PARTICIPATION IN MOROCCO'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, EXTENSION OF  
SPANISH CREDITS, AND COOPERATIVE FISHING ARRANGEMENTS  
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SIGNATURES FOLLOW SEVERAL MONTHS OF OFTEN  
DIFFICULT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDS SIGNED INCLUDE THE  
FOLLOWING:

A. LOAN OF \$100 MILLION FOR FINANCING EXPORTATION OF SPANISH  
EQUIPMENT TO MOROCCO.

B. AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING OF UP TO \$150 MILLION FOR NADOR  
STEEL COMPLEX IN EVENT SPANISH EQUIPMENT BIDS ARE ACCEPTED.

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C. 3.5 BILLION PESETA CREDIT TO MOROCCO TO BE APPLIED TOWARDS  
PORT CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE, PARTICULARLY IN THE  
SAHARA PROVINCES; CREATION OF A NEW NAUTICAL SCHOOL; AND ACQUI-  
SITION OF SPANISH BOATS.

D. AGREEMENT TO FORM JOINT-VENTURE COMPANY TO PROMOTE FISHERIES  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH AUTHORIZATION TO FISH

IN BOTH MOROCCAN AND SPANISH WATERS.

E. FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

F. ACCORD FOR COOPERATION IN SHIP BUILDING AND PROCESSING OF SEA PRODUCTS.

2. COMMENT: ALL AGREEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REVIEW SO AS TO REMAIN IN LINE WITH DEVELOPMENTS. FISHERIES AGREEMENT IS OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE, NOT ONLY IN OPENING WAY TOWARDS DEVELOPING ONE OF LARGEST REMAINING UNDER-EXPLOITED FISHERIES IN WORLD, BUT RESOLVING WHAT HAS BEEN MAJOR BILATERAL ISSUE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES SINCE SPANISH WITHDRAWAL FROM WESTERN SAHARA. FINANCIAL CREDITS MAY OR MAY NOT PROVE OF CONSEQUENCE, DEPENDING ON COMPETITIVENESS OF SPANISH BIDS ON STEEL COMPLEX AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. LARGE ANNUAL FRENCH CREDIT HAS USUALLY BEEN ONLY PARTIALLY DRAWN DOWN. IMPORTANCE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS EXPECTED TO BE MINIMAL. ON POLITICAL SIDE, SIGNIFICANCE OF ACCORDS IS GREATER, OPENING DOOR TO LONG-EXPECTED VISIT OF KING HASSAN II TO SPAIN. MFA DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF FEBRUARY 18 THAT VISIT BY KING UNLIKELY TO OCCUR PRIOR TO THE SPANISH ELECTIONS, WHICH THOUGHT MIGHT BE IN JUNE. GOM HOPED THAT OTHER OUTSTANDING BILATERAL QUESTIONS (NOTABLY COMPENSATION FOR FORMER OFFICIAL SPANISH LANDS) WILL BE RESOLVED BY THAT TIME.  
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